

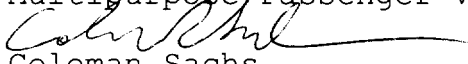
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U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Memorandum

NHTSA-03-14631-2

Subject: Petition 535 for Import Eligibility
Decision on 1986 Chevrolet Blazer
Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles
From: 
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Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance
To: Docket Management

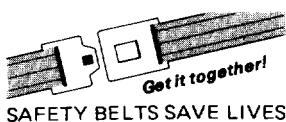
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Reply to
Attn. of:

Please place the attached petition for a decision that
nonconforming 1986 Chevrolet Blazer multipurpose passenger
vehicles are eligible for importation in Docket No. NHTSA-2003-
14631.

Attachment

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January 29, 2003

Petition for Import Eligibility Determination

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Room 6115
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Washington, DC 20590

ATTN: NEF-32 Import Eligibility

Petitioner: Wallace Environmental Testing Laboratories, Inc.
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Registered Importer Number R-90-005

Wallace Environmental Testing Laboratories, Inc. (WETL) would like to submit this petition under the provisions set forth in 49 CFR Part 593.

The basis for this petition is a comparison to a substantially similar vehicle which was originally manufactured in the United States for sale in the United States. The comparison vehicle, which was manufactured in the United States for exportation into the European market, can be readily modified to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS). Therefore, WETL submits this petition based on the guidelines set forth in 49 CFR 593.6(a).

The vehicle for which this determination is sought was originally manufactured by Chevrolet for the European and other foreign markets. The vehicle inspected was a 1986 model year with a vehicle identification number (VIN) of **1G8ED18J1GF169796**. The model is the Chevrolet Blazer manufactured by Chevrolet for the 1986 model year. Hereafter this vehicle will be referred to as the EUBlazer.

The vehicle which is substantially similar was also manufactured by Chevrolet for the United States. The model designation for the US production vehicle is also the Chevrolet Blazer and was produced for the 1986 model year. Hereafter this vehicle will be referred to as the USBlazer.

The USBlazer was certified by Chevrolet pursuant to 49 CFR 567. The vehicle was produced in the US by Chevrolet. Chevrolet sold this vehicle as a 1986 model year and affixed a label to it certifying that it complied with all applicable FMVSS.

It is common practice for vehicle manufacturers to produce substantially similar vehicles for different markets throughout the world. While the vehicles are essentially the same, the differences are related to the marketability and or legislation of the different countries. It is important to note that



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the EUBlazer complies with many FMVSS without any modification. WETL performed a careful evaluation of the EUBlazer and determined the vehicle to be substantially similar to the USBlazer.

In accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR 593.6(a)(5), the remainder of this petition will give data, views, and arguments with respect to each FMVSS which applied to the USBlazer and demonstrate that the EUBlazer was either originally manufactured to conform to such standard, or is capable of being readily modified to conform to such standard. All statements that the EUBlazer complies with the requirements of the standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to the standard are based on information obtained during a detailed inspection of the EUBlazer for which this determination is sought. In addition, WETL reviewed all available parts, service, and sales literature in order to thoroughly compare the vehicles.

FMVSS 101

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 102

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 103

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 104

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 105

NOT APPLICABLE.

FMVSS 106

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.



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FMVSS 108

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 111

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard except as noted below.

The passenger side rearview mirror is of a flat, 1:1 magnification.

FMVSS 113

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 114

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard except as noted below.

The EUBlazer will require the addition of a gong module (part number 14101255) in order to comply with standard.

FMVSS 116

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 118

NOT APPLICABLE

FMVSS 119

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 120

The EUBlazer requires the addition of a tire information placard to be in compliance with this standard.



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FMVSS 124

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 201

NOT APPLICABLE

FMVSS 202

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 203

NOT APPLICABLE

FMVSS 204

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 205

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 206

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 207

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 208



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The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard except as noted below.

The EUBlazer is not equipped with a safety belt warning system for the driver. The safety belt warning system will have to be modified to include an audible gong. The Chevrolet gong module that will be added bears a part number of 14101255. This module will enable the safety belt warning system to function properly.

It is important to note that the EUBlazer is identical to the USBlazer in all areas related to the passive restraint system except as specifically noted in this section.

Both front outboard designated seating positions are factory equipped with Type II seat belts. Left, right, and center rear designated seating positions are factory equipped with Type I seat belts. The driver's and passengers' seating positions comply as equipped from the factory.

Driver and passenger front outboard seating positions are not required to have air bags.

FMVSS 209

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 210

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 212

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 214

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 216

NOT APPLICABLE

FMVSS 219



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The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 301

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

FMVSS 302

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

49 CFR Part 541

NOT APPLICABLE

49 CFR Part 565

The EUBlazer complies with the requirements of this standard and is identical to the USBlazer with respect to this standard.

49 CFR Part 567

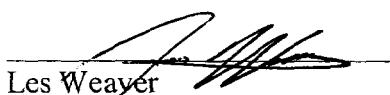
The EUBlazer will require the addition of a certification label in the driver's door jamb to conform to the requirements of this standard.

49 CFR Part 581

NOT APPLICABLE

I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter and invite you to contact myself or a member of my staff if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,


Les Weayer

Vice President

Wallace Environmental Testing Laboratories, Inc.